

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Amendment, Claims 9 and 23-32 will be all the claims currently pending. Claim 8 is hereby cancelled after notice of appeal as allowed under 37 CFR 41.33.

It should also be noted that this Amendment is not in acquiescence of the Office's position on the allowability of the claims but made merely to expedite

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including any fees for an extension of time or those under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, which may be required by this paper, and/or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2527.

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